

Facing Diplomacy: United States Hispanic American Diplomats Sources

Stories and resources centered around the unique experiences, challenges, and achievements of diverse American diplomats.

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Occupation: Ambassador, Cultural Ambassador, Goodwill Ambassador

Ambassador Frank Almaguer

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Honduras from (1999 to 2002)

Primary Sources

- Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History
- White House Nomination

Secondary Sources

• The American Academy of Diplomacy Biography

Additional Online Resources

- U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian
- Frank Almaguer, Ambassador to Honduras

Ambassador Crensencio S. Arcos Jr.

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Honduras from (1989 to 1993)

Primary Sources

• White House Nomination

Secondary Sources

• The American Academy of Diplomacy Biography

Additional Online Resources

• <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>

Ambassador Ambassador Mari Carmen Aponte

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation



• Ambassador to El Salvador from (2010 to 2011) and (2012 to 2015)

Primary Sources

- Appointment to El Salvador
- White House Announcement of Appointment to El Salvador
- Aponte's written statement to Congress

Secondary Sources

• U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian

Additional Online Resources

- William and Mary Biography
- <u>Latinas in Diplomacy</u>

Ambassador Luis Arregea

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Guatemala from (2017 to 2020)
- Ambassador to Iceland from (2010 to 2013)

Primary Sources

- Congressional Nomination
- Nomination as Ambassador to Guatemala
- <u>Testimony to Congress</u>

Secondary Sources

• U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian

Media Sources

- Official Portrait
- CSIS Americas Program

Ambassador Diego Asencio

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Brazil from (1983 to 1986)
- Ambassador to Colombia from (1977 to 1980)

Primary Sources

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- Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History

- ADST: Kidnapping of Ambassador Asencio
- The American Academy of Diplomacy



• Photo of Ambassador Asencio

Ambassador Liliana Ayalde

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Brazil from (2013 to 2016)
- Ambassador to Paraguay from (2008 to 2011)

Primary Sources

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- PBS.org: "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe" Interview, 2014

Secondary Sources

"Liliana Ayalde: Using her Diplomatic Skills for US Southern Command,"
Miami Daily, 2017.

Media Sources

• <u>C-Span Ambassador Liliana Ayalde</u>

Additional Online Resources

- Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, short bio
- Center for Strategic and International Studies Biography
- <u>Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate: Nomination of Liliana Ayalde</u>
- <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>
- U.S. Department of State Archive Biography

Ambassador Adrian Basora

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to the Czech Republic from (1992 to 1995)

Primary Sources

• Basora, Adrian A. *Does Democracy Matter? The United States and Global Democracy Support* (Lanham, Maryland: Rowan and Littlefield, 2017).

Secondary Sources

• Nomination of Adrian Basora, The American Presidency Project, 1992.

Media Sources

- Ambassador Adrian Basora
- C-Span, Ambassador Adrian Basora
- Podcast: World Affairs Councils of America, 2020



• <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>

Marcia Bernbaum

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Appointed deputy of the Office of Caribbean Affairs, 1995

Primary Sources

- Association of Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History
- Bernbaum, Marcia: Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless Case Study, 2018
- Posts by Marcia Bernbaum, Greater Greater Washington

Additional Online Resources

University of Minnesota Bio

Ambassador Carmen Cantor

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, 2019

Primary Sources

• Audible Podcast, 2021

Media Sources

• Ambassador Carmen Cantor

Additional Online Resources

- Nomination Statement, 2019
- <u>U.S. Department of State Archived Bio</u>
- U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian
- U.S. Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia Bio

Ambassador Raul H. Castro

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Argentina from (1977 to 1980)
- Ambassador to Bolivia from (1968 to 1969)
- Ambassador to El Salvador from (1964 to 1968)

Primary Sources

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- Ambassador Raul H. Castro
- C-SPAN

Additional Online Resources

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Ambassador Phillip Carter

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Cote-D'Ivoire from (2010 to 2013)
- Ambassador to Guinea from (2007 to 2008)

Primary Sources

• Statement for Nomination for Ambassador to Cote-D'Ivoire, 2010

Media Sources

• Ambassador Phillip Carter

Additional Online Resources

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- U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian

Ambassador Paul Cejas

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Belgium from (1998 to 2001)

Secondary Sources

• Honoring Ambassador Paul Cejas, Sun Sentinel, 2014

- Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Bio
- Notable Names Database Entry
- Council of American Ambassadors Bio
- U.S. Department of State Archived Bio
- U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian



Ambassador Arnold Chacon

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at U.S. Embassy Ottawa (2021 to Present)
- Director General of the Foreign Service from (2014 to 2017)
- Ambassador to Guatemala from (2011 to 2014)

Secondary Sources

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Media Sources

- Ambassador Arnold Chacon
- C-SPAN Ambassador Arnold Chacon

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- Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Bio
- Diplomacy Center Foundation Bio
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- <u>U.S. Department of State media note U.S. Embassy Ottawa appointment, 2021</u>
- National Defense University Bio
- <u>U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Canada Bio</u>

James N. Cortada

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Counsel General, Spain (1967-1970)

Primary Sources

• Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History

Additional Online Resources

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Ambassador Carolyn Curiel

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Belize from (1998 to 2001)



- Article, The Washington Post, 2017
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- <u>Ambassador Carolyn Curiel</u>
- C-SPAN

Additional Online Resources

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- <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>
- U.S. Department of State, Archived Bio

Samuel De Palma

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs from (1969 to 1973)

Primary Sources

• Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History

Additional Online Resources

• <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>

Ambassador Simon Ferro

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Panama from (1999 to 2001)

Media Sources

• Ambassador Simon Ferro

Additional Online Resources

- Business Wire Article, 2019
- U.S. Department of State, Archived Biography
- <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>

Ambassador Oliver Pastrano Garza

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Nicaragua from (1999 to 2002)

- M2Press nomination article, 1999
- Taiwan News Article, 2009



- <u>U.S. Department of State, Archived Biography</u>
- <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>

Ambassador Tony Garza

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Mexico from (2002 to 2009)

Media Sources

- C-SPAN
- <u>Ambassador Tony Garza</u>

Additional Online Resources

- Council of American Ambassadors Biography
- U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian
- U.S. Department of State Archived Biography
- TonyGarza.com

Ambassador Lino Gutierrez

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Argentina from (2003 to 2006)
- Ambassador to Nicaragua from (1996 to 1999)

Primary Sources

Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History

Secondary Sources

• U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian

Media Sources

- American Diplomat Podcast, Part 1
- American Diplomat Podcast, Part 2

Additional Online Resources

• The American Academy of Diplomacy Biography

Ambassador Mari-Luci Jaramillo

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Honduras from (1977 to 1980)

Primary Sources

• <u>Mari-Luci Jaramillo Collection, National Hispanic Cultural Center Library</u> <u>and Archives</u>



- New Mexico Digital Collections, Mari-Luci Jaramillo
- Association for Diplomatic Studies, Oral History
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Ambassador Joseph John Jova

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Mexico from (1973 to 1977)

Primary Sources

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- Georgetown University, Joseph John Jova Papers

Secondary Sources

• World Biographical Encyclopedia

Media Sources

• Bust of Joseph John Jova, Smithsonian Institution

Additional Online Resources

• <u>U.S. State Department Office of the Historian</u>

Ambassador Kelly Keiderling

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to Uruguay from (2016 to 2019)

Primary Sources

- <u>Congressional Record</u>
- Global Ties, Interview with Kelly Keiderling
- <u>Congressional Nomination</u>
- <u>Keiderling Testimony to Congress</u>



• State Department Hispanic Heritage Month, Kelly Keiderling

Media Sources

• National War College, Official Portrait

Additional Online Resources

- U.S. State Department Office of the Historian
- Embassy Uruguay Biography

Charles Lahiguera

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Chief of Mission to Swaziland from (1983 to 1985)

Primary Sources

Association for Diplomatic Studies Oral History

Secondary Sources

• King of Swaziland, ADST Blog

Ambassador Helen LaLime

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Angola from (2014-2017)
- Ambassador to Mozambique (2003-2006)

Primary Sources

Congressional Nomination

Media Sources

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- UNifeed Video, Haiti

Additional Online Resources

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- Obama Administration Nominations
- United Nations Biography
- U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian

Ambassador Luis Lauredo

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Ambassador to the Organization of American States from (1999 to 2001)

Primary Sources

• White House Press Release

Additional Online Resources

• Council of American Ambassadors Biography



• U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian

<u>Ambassador Hugo Llorens</u>

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Afghanistan from (2016 to 2017)
- Ambassador to Honduras from (2008 to 2011)

Primary Sources

• Presidential Nomination to Ambassador

Media Sources

- Official Portrait
- DOD Image in Kabul
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- U. S. Department of State Office of the Historian
- The Academy of American Diplomacy, Biography

Ambassador Carmen Martinez

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Ambassador to Zambia from (2005 to 2008)
- Interim Ambassador to Myanmar from (2002 to 2005)

Primary Sources

- Embassy of Zambia
- State Department Interview

Secondary Sources

• ADST, Latino American Ambassadors

Additional Online Resources

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Ambassador Vilma Martinez

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Argentina (2009 to 2013)

Primary Sources

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- Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs Biography
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Ambassador Gabriel Guerra Mondragon

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Chile (1994 to 1998)

Primary Sources:

• White House Nomination

Additional Online Resources

• U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian

Ambassador Luis Moreno

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica (2014 to 2017)
- Spain, Iraq, Israel, Haiti

Media Sources

Ambassador Luis Moreno

Additional Online Resources

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- <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>
- <u>U.S. Embassy of Jamaica</u>

<u>Ambassador Julian Nava</u>

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Mexico (1980 to 1981)

Secondary Sources

• Online Archive of California, Julian Nava Collection

Media Sources

• Ambassador Julian Nava

- California Community Colleges, Notable Alumni Biography
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Roger Noriega

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs (2003 to 2005)
- Permanent Representative of the U.S.A. to Organization of American States (Washington) (2001 to 2003)

Primary Sources

- Center for Strategic and International Studies Podcast
- Open Edition Journals, Interview with Roger Noriega
- US News Articles by Roger Noriega
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Secondary Sources

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Media Sources

C-SPAN

Additional Online Resources

- The Federalist Society Biography
- Vision Americas Biography
- <u>U.S. Department of State, Archived Biography</u>
- U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian

Ambassador Julieta Noves

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Croatia (2015 to 2017)

Media Sources

- NPR.org interview, 2021
- <u>U.S. Embassy in Croatia Interview, 2017</u>

- Diplopundit, 2021
- <u>Senate Testimony</u>
- The Wellesley Effect, Alumni
- U.S. Department of State, Archived Biography
- <u>U.S. Department of State Office of the Historian</u>
- White House Nomination



Ambassador Francis V. Ortiz Jr.

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- U.S. Ambassador to Barbados from (1977 to 1979)
- U.S. Ambassador to Grenada from (1977 to 1979)
- U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala from (1979 to 1980)
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Primary Sources

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Frank H. Perez

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- Deputy Director of the Office of Combating Terrorism from (1979 to 1983)
- Deputy Chief of Mission in Turkey from (1983 to 1984)

Primary Sources

• Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History

Jose Perez Del Rio

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Served as the director of the Voice of America show "Buenos Dias America" from (1961 to 1986).

Primary Sources

• Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History

Ambassador Alberto M. Piedra

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala from (1984 to 1987)

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Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

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Ambassador Edward Prado

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Argentina (2018 to Present)

Primary Sources

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Media Sources

- C-SPAN
- Edward Prado

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Ambassador Otto Reich



Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela 1986 to 1989

Media Sources

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Ambassador Julissa Reynoso

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay (2012 to 2014)

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Ambassador Julissa Reynoso

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Ambassador Manuel Rocha

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia (2000 to 2002)

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Ambassador Peter Romero



Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- U.S. Ambassador to Ecuador (1993 to 1996)
- Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs 2000 to 2001

Primary Sources

• Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History

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Ambassador Fernando Rondon

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

- U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar (1980 to 1983)
- U.S. Ambassador to Comoros (1982 to 1983)
- U.S. Ambassador to Ecuador (1985 to 1988)

Primary Sources

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Ambassador Mauricio Solaun

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua (1977-1979)

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Alberado L. Valdez

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

• Assistant for Latin America (1977 to 1979)



• Chief of Protocol (1979 to 1981)

Primary Sources

• Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Oral History

Media Sources

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Arturo Valenzuela

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

 Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs from (2009-2011)

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Ambassador Raul Yzaguirre

Overseas Diplomatic Service or Occupation

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